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Arizona Department of Public Safety Rolls Out Photo Enforcement Program

Program is the first photo enforcement program in the United States administered by a state-level law enforcement agency

The Arizona Department of Public Safety, in partnership with Redflex Traffic Systems, will place a number of photo enforcement vehicles along designated stretches of Arizona Highways in hopes of reducing collisions. This will make Arizona the first state in the nation to have a photo enforcement program administered by a state-level law enforcement agency.

When DPS Districts throughout the state identify a high collision area in which speed is a factor, DPS will place these vehicles along state highways in hopes of reducing fatal collisions and injuries. This program is NOT designed to replace any DPS highway patrol officers because cameras alone will never be able to accomplish tasks like removing impaired and aggressive drivers from the roadway. However, the photo enforcement program administered by DPS will be an additional tool that is expected to help the agency prevent collisions by reducing speeds.

DPS will not announce the location of the photo enforcement vehicles in advance.

"Let me stress again this is not a replacement for law enforcement officers. This is simply a tool DPS will use to provide the public with additional safety while driving. In many cases highway collisions are caused by speed and the failure of drivers to control their vehicle. This program is designed to help reduce these kinds of highly preventable collisions," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety

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